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Province as tending too much to the comitting of Perjury by many of Liber LL, 4 the more unwary and inconsidering Persons of this Province

Be it further Enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent af^d that the severall Clauses in the before recited Act Obliging the taking the Oaths of Receivers and Shippers of Tobacco together with the Oaths be and are hereby repealed.

An Act for the Releif of Robert Tivis, Andrew Castle and Gilbert Acts of Powlson Languishing Prisoners in Ann Arundell County, George Feb. 1721/2, Sexton a Languishing Prisoner in Queen Ann's County and John Robinson a Languishing Prisoner in Talbot County.

Whereas Robt Tivis Andrew Castle and Gilbert Powlson of Ann Arundell County, George Sexton of Queen Ann's County John Robinson of Talbot County Planters have by their Humble Petitions to this present Generall Assembly severally set forth that they have continued Prisoners for Debt in the Custody of the sherriffs of the several Countys aforesaid Viz. Robert Tivis, Andrew Castle and Gilbert Powlson, in the Custody of the Sherriff of Ann Arundell County, George Sexton in the Custody of the Sherriff of Queen Ann's County and John Robinson in the Custody of the Sherriff of Talbot County for some considerable time past and still continue in the like Deplorable Circumstances not being able to redeem their Bodys with all the Estate or Interest they have in the World, which they would readily Surrender upp and part with to their Severall and Respective Creditors if they would accept of the same and grant p. 545 The said Petitioners their Liberty which seems so unlikely for them to obtain, that unless releived by a particular Act to be past in their favour which by their said Petitions they have humbly pray'd, they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life, and thereby their Familys utterly ruined, and for that the truth of the said Petitioners Allegations is made appear to this Generall Assembly by Sufficient Testimony and allso the Occasion of their being brought to such Circumstances does not proceed from any Idleness or Extravagances of their own, And that the said petitioners and their Familys are fit Objects of Charity and that lying in Goal can be no benefitt to their Creditors It is humbly prayed that the said Petitioners may be releived according to their Prayer and that it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by his Lordship the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and

Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same, that unless all or any of the Creditors of the said Robert Tivis, Andrew Castle, and Gilbert Powlson, George Sexton and John Robinson or the Creditor or Creditors of any or either of them or the Attorney or Attorneys of such Creditor or Creditors aforesaid within this Province within three Months after the End of this Sessions of

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